assists infrastructural project proposals of the State Governments/UT Administrations for development of tourist places through Central Financial Assistance, in the country under the following schemes:

1. Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits

2. Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development

3. Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects

Proposals of States for Tourism Sector

1512. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN:
PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals pertaining to the tourism sector received from various State Governments pending with the Central Government, State-wise;

(b) since when they are pending and the specific reasons for their non-clearance; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism assists project proposals of the State Governments/UT Administrations for Central Financial Assistance, in consultation with them based on the *inter se* priority, merit and availability of funds in a particular financial year, as well as provision of detailed project report, detailed cost estimates, land availability etc.

Development of Tourism in Tsunami Hit States

1513. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tourist traffic has decreased considerably in the Tsunami-hit States;

(b) the number of domestic/foreign tourists who visited the Tsunami-hit States during January-February, 2005 as compared to October—December, 2004;

(c) whether Government have proposed any special plan for development and promotion of tourism in the Tsunami-hit States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?